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Lovely Panamanian Lass Tells Of The Historic Pictures Shown On Postage Stamps Of Her Native Land



Senorita Manonguita de Obaldia, granddaughter of former President Jose Domingo de Obaldia, and Dr. L. S. Rowe, Director General of the Pan American Union, inaugurate the participation of Panama in the Philatelic Program of the Union:

Participating in a brief ceremony at the Pan American Union on May 20th, Senorita Manonguita de Obaldia lent a delightful reflection of her native Panama. To inaugurate Panamanian participation in the Philatelic activities of the Pan American Union, Senorita de Obaldia, granddaughter of Jose Domingo de Obaldia, the second president of Panama, proudly invited the attention of Dr. L. S. Rowe, Director General of the Union, to

the significance of the stately flag of Panama depicted on one of the current postal issues of her native land.

The colorful scenes of historic interest, including the Golden Altar of San Jose, the modern National Normal school, the Indian idol, the historic ruins of the Gate of Glory at Puerto Bello and other scenes typical of Panamanian nationalism brought forth animated comment from Senorita de Obaldia.

In response to her observations Dr. Rowe stated:

"It is most gratifying to learn of the participation of the Republic of Panama in our Philatelic activities. The attractive character of these stamps with their varied picturizations of Panamanian cultural development will, without doubt, tend to a broader understanding in this country of the dramatic background of the Isthmian Republic from pre Colombian days.

Echoes of the spectacular period of Spanish Conquistadores when Panama was the center of European-New World trade are recalled by the Puerto Bello ruins. The advance of Panamanian culture is demonstrated in the well established Normal School, the Santo Toma's hospital, the modern National highway and a view of Taboga—the pleasure island of tourists—all among the scenes so vividly depicted on these postage stamps.

"I feel that through making the attractive postage stamps of Latin America more readily available to the millions of stamp collectors in the United States the Pan American Union will have strengthened a novel means of bringing about a closer bond of friendship between the peoples of our western hemisphere family of Republics."

The use of postage stamps in curricular and extracurricular activities in the schools from the elementary grades through the universities as well as study clubs,

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In issuing the list of plate numbers assigned during the month of April, the Department at Washington overlooked four new plates for the new 8c air-mail stamp. In addition to other numbers previously listed as assigned to new plates in April you can add the following numbers for new plates for this stamp. The numbers are 23135, 36, 37, 38. All are 200 subject electric eye plates.

Sinking German Marks Being Converted Into Stamps By Germans

The following story from the New York Times, by Mr. Kent B. Stiles, is reminiscent of the latter days of World War I when, with the German Mark on the Toboggan, stamps loomed up as about the best investment for diminishing money. Dealers who were active in that period can expect to see a similar situation come from the present war. Those who know should profit from their past experiences.

"Reports which have reached New York from European sources indicate that Germans who are losing faith in the value of the Nazi reichs-mark are investing in wholesale quantities of stamps on the theory that regardless of the outcome of the war against the United Nations the stamps will be in demand all over the world after the conflict ends, and will readily find markets at prices exceeding today's quotations."

"Like gems and certain other chattels, stamps occupy little space and can be easily concealed when the time comes for smuggling them out of the country. According to reports published in Vienna and Prague the German authorities are trying to control the dealings in such valuables but are meeting with little success."

"The Neues Wiener Tageblatt, a leading Vienna newspaper, says that these transactions in stamps alone run into great amounts and it has a heading "Millions Flee Into Stamps" above a story to that effect. Vienna and Prague are the centers of the buying, it is stated, and non-collectors are playing the principal role."

"Stamps which sold for 150 marks in Bohemia and Moravia six months ago, the newspaper says, are now not to be had for less than 450 marks. Germany's 1933 commemorative "Winter Relief" souvenir sheet of four stamps—5-pfennige plus 15pf, 10pf plus 30pf, 20 pf plus 60pf and 50pf plus 1.50-mark—sold for 2.40 marks face value at postoffices when originally issued. Last year the sheet was bringing 500 marks and today it cannot be purchased for less than 1,400 marks, or more than 580 times the cost in 1933. This is equivalent to approximately \$560 on the basis of the pre-war value of the mark. The 1944 edition of the Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue, published six months ago in New York, gives \$22.50 as the sheet's philatelic worth in this country."

UNUSUAL PRICED LIST

George W. Wentz Jr. of San Marcos, Texas has issued the most unusual price list of United States stamps that we have yet seen. It is of about 6x9 inches in size and each page is laid out in the form and nature in which any discriminating collector might mount his collection of United States stamps. Each space for a stamp has a neat frame design and within the frame is the illustration of the stamp. It looks like a miniature collection and is indeed a novel piece. Prices for the various items are shown below the illustrations. You will enjoy having one of these novel lists which are obtainable on request. Collectors need not own a catalog to use this list, you can simply compare with your collection and see what you need and order by the numbers given.

Many foreign countries issue stamp booklets and a very attractive collection of these books can be acquired. We are surprised that no stamp dealer has ever featured these complete books of all countries. It is a field that would be worth cultivating.

Railway And Telegraph Officials Join In Fitting Ceremony For The Hundredth Anniversary Of Telegraph



Postmaster Neal A. Sibley of Baltimore selling first sheet of Telegraph Centennial Commemorative stamps to Roy Barton White, president of the B and O Railroad, May 24, 1944. Baltimore and Washington, D. C., were first day sale cities for this stamp.

A three cent stamp commemorating the centennial anniversary of the sending of the first telegraph message from the old Supreme Court Chamber in the Capitol in Washington to the old Pratt Street Station of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in Baltimore was issued by the Government on May 24. Washington and Baltimore were designated as first-day cities. On the same date, in recognition of the close association which the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad has enjoyed with the telegraph industry since its birth, R. B. White, president of the road, sent a specially-prepared first day cover to extend greetings to friends of the road upon occasion of the telegraph centennial. The cover design, a reproduction of the center panel of a plaque dedicated at the B & O's Mt. Clare Station in Baltimore, on May 24, as a part of the centennial celebration, portrays a portion of the original telegraph line with an 1844 railroad locomotive.

"Observe Sunday" Postmark Proposed

Harry L. Bowlby, General Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States, has, through the assistance of Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas, caused to be printed in the Congressional Record a resolution to mark the mail with the words "OBSERVE SUNDAY" for a period of two weeks before Lent.

The resolution apparently was not acted upon since we noted no such postal markings this year. It is possible that the action thus started may bear fruit for the Lenten season in 1945.

SUGGEST AUTO STAMP

Major A. L. Shoemaker of the army air corps suggests that since we are having what the Government has chosen to call a series of Communications stamps, that the Automobile should certainly be represented in this series.

Major Shoemaker states that the auto was invented fifty years ago at Kokomo, Indiana and suggests that city as a First Day cover city.

We can approve his suggestions for we too feel that if this series is to be truly representative of communications and the part they play in this war that the Automobile is one of the leading subjects suitable and deserving of recognition. We also suggest the radio as well as the telephone, and why not air transport.

hand for the opening day sales ceremonies.

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Other Cities Best Washington In First Day Cover Sales

Collectors have frequently complained because of the fact that too many first day sales were held at Washington, whereas other cities would appreciate some of them. When held at Washington, there is seldom any direct local connection with the issue and as a result, no Chamber of Commerce backing, no civic or commercial club backing. When sales are held in some other city, especially where the subject of the new stamp is associated in some manner with that city, the result is usually so successful and the volume of covers sent usually much larger than if the sale had been held at Washington.

The reason for this is not solely collector covers, but it is because local civic bodies make an attempt to have a heavy mailing on the first day and frequently issues special cacheted covers which help swell the volume.

This is splendidly demonstrated in the three recent stamps issued in May. It is but necessary to study figures and note the

For the Railroad
City First Day Covers Stamps sold Value
Omaha, Nebraska 171,000 483,300 \$14,499.00
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towns of issue to see what we mean.

In every instance except at San Francisco, first day cover sales were larger for the Railroad stamp, and for the Steamship stamp, than were first day sales of the telegraph stamp at either Washington or Baltimore. In the case of San Francisco, there seems to have been some special reason for heavy stamp sales on that date since while it had the least number of first day covers, it shows stamp sales which are extraordinarily unusual in that 1,400,000 stamps were sold. The figures are interesting and we print them all herewith.

We list the Agency sales as announced for Washington for the Telegraph stamp. Since Washington had the first day on this stamp Agency sales were made.

Frank Mason, one of Washington's oldest dealers has been on F Street since it was a cow path. He has many U. S. sheets in used condition for sale, and recently purchased a large collection from an estate that contains France, Germany and German states.

The mail clerks in the embassies and legations in Washington have a fine sideline. When the mail comes in, and much of it is air mail these days, they obtain the stamps and sell them to Washington dealers. Recently a package from Paraguay came in with 20,000 pesos worth of postage thereon including blocks of C121 and C130. Practically all of the current air mails can be purchased in Washington and usually a few cents cheaper than most dealers.

On the day first day covers go on sale at Washington, several dealers set up card tables in front of the Post Office and sell the current cover in addition to many older covers. It's amazing to see non-collectors buy them as souvenirs. Washington is so crowded and money so plentiful that anything goes as a souvenir these days and perhaps some non-collector

Agency sales on the other two stamps did not start until the day after the first day sales so that the Agency Sales have no right to be credited to first day sales at Washington.

Other interesting facts on these three new stamps is supplied by the Post Office Department and we print it herewith for the information of those interested.

The following information on the origin of the material used and the designers and engravers of the Railroad Commemorative Postage Stamp, the Telegraph Stamp and the Stamp commemorating the 125th Anniversary of the first steamship to cross the Atlantic, was made public at the Post Office Department this week:

3c U. S. Postage Stamp Commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Completion of the First Transcontinental Railroad:

Origin of material used: Photograph of a Mural in the Union Pacific Railroad Station in Salt Lake City, Utah, by J. McQuarrie.

Designer: William A. Roach. Engravers: Vignette by Carl T. Arlt, Frame, lettering and numerals by Axel W. Christensen.

3c U. S. Postage Stamp Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the first message trans-

stamp, May 10th.

City First Day Covers Stamps sold Value

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mitted by Telegraph:

Origin of material used: Wash drawing by Victor S. McCloskey, Jr.

Designer: Victor S. McCloskey, Jr.

Engravers: Vignette, Carl T. Arlt—Outline frame with panel at bottom, lettering and numerals by J. S. Edmondson.

3c U. S. Postage Stamp Commemorating the 125th Anniversary of the first Steamship to cross the Atlantic:

Origin of material used: Photograph of a ship model submitted by the Post Office Department, Washington, D. C., through the courtesy, The Mariners' Museum, Newport News, Virginia.

Designer: Victor S. McCloskey, Jr.

Engravers: Vignette by Charles A. Brooks. Outline frame lettering and numerals by James T. Vail.

will have a valuable cover hidden away a few years from now.

They'll argue at the Phillipine Agency in the Capitol that the current stamps on sale are not reprints, but it's just so much double talk. Collectors, however, continue to buy them despite all the warnings that have been given.

Watch for three and possibly four more of the current Overrun nations stamps to be taken off the list of the Philatelic Agency. Despite the fact that many collectors have purchased these stamps in large quantities, they're going to be valuable investment, both mint and used. Many dealers were caught short when the Czech and Poland stamps went off the list and are already paying

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Incidentally, there are several fine stamp exhibits continuously on view at Washington. The largest is at the Smithsonian Institute and consists of stamps of the world in mint condition. The Benjamin Franklin Branch of the Post Office in our nation's capital has an exhibit of U. S. in singles and sheets that would make any collectors mouth water. Sheets of Zeppa, five dollar stamps and others—with only a pane of glass between them and yourselves—but watch the policeman standing nearby! The third collection is on view at the Pan American Union and has some fine covers and stamps of Latin America with an explanation of their illustrations.

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In Ye Gode Olde days, away back in the 17th century, the merchant guilds of northern Europe banded together in the well-known Hanseatic League. History tells us it was a protective association (probably the first of the protective rackets which flowered into such prominence in New York and Chicago during the roaring twenties of more or less odious remembrance) and, like all good rackets, its modus operandi was to promote good business between the members—and make it difficult for non-members to make a dollar honest or otherwise.

Needed to forward the good work of this venture was a reliable means of communication between the members. Of course the ships plying the Baltic sufficed to carry correspondence between the cities along the sea-coast but much profitable piracy could be conducted with the Interior and for this most laudable project one must send certain letters of more or less private nature. It was desirable, for instance, to warn Operative Bluebeard that your competitor had contracted for a valuable cargo of Brussels carpets and that this shipment must, by all means, be delayed in its arrival until you, yourself, had opportunity to saturate the available market with a shipment of similar merchandise due to arrive from another source.

One can readily see the need for a certain amount of secrecy for such correspondence and also, the need for an expeditious service. Such letters of commerce had to get to their destination in time for Operative Bluebeard to do something about it.

The well known mother of invention, Necessity, came to the rescue by creating a post service carried on by the Princes, Burgo-masters, or whatever the head men of the various cities might be called. These in turn appointed certain minor head-men to be in charge of the post service, and, as the couriers used horses for their principal means of conveyance and, as the lesser head-men in charge must needs provide a changing station where suitable fresh mounts would be available for the "fleet" couriers, these lesser head-men were soon each endowed with the euphonious title "Master of the Horse."

Now in these good olden days it came to pass that the couriers were not always as fleet as ye Merchant-Member-of-the-League-In-Good-Standing might wish. In fact the word was noised among the bier-halle or beer-halls, where the Merchant Members were wont to meet over a glass of lemonade to discuss new methods of furthering their honest business projects, that some of the couriers took time out on their journeys to stop off and spend a few hours with some attractive wench along the way. It wasn't that the merchant members were concerned about the morals of such goings-on. It was just that Merchant Member Brown, spelled Braun, (whose protection money was always paid meticiously on time) had planned a coup of special importance that had missed fire because the courier had dallied longer than was necessary in one of the bordels. And Merchant-Member Jones, spelled Schiones, had a similar tale. So they repaired to the Master of the Horse and bared their complaints. But, despite their good record of paying protection money Jones and Brown were but minor factors in the mob and the Master of the Horse gave them little consideration.

In fact they got no consideration at all.

So, we soon find our heroes dejectedly drowning their sorrows over some more lemonade at their favorite beer hall. And, hoping also that they might overhear some conversation that would prove profitable in the way of double-crossing some brother member.

But nothing of the kind developed and the conversation turned toward the unfortunate incident which had caused Brown and Jones all of the trouble, with all of the other Merchant-Members-in-good-standing sympathizing with Brown and Jones over their misfortune and their poor treatment at the hands of the Master of the Horse. As more lemonades were passed around the conversation became more specific and, in the course of the chit-chat, it developed that the name of the wench who had entertained the delinquent courier was Maisie.

Now all and sundry, curiously enough, knew this Maisie to be a person of great charm and wit. And all of the Merchant-Members present became silent as they privately envied the lot of the courier who had won her favor.

The silence over this not so delectable day-dreaming became so thick that the soda-dispenser was prompted to ask what was going on. One of the Member-Merchants-in-good-standing enlightened him and explained that the wench involved was Maisie.

"Maisie!", exclaimed the soda-jerk, "why she's the dame who Mr. Big himself is sweet on!"

This electrifying news shook the assemblage like a thunderbolt. Mr. Big, the man who ran the whole show, the man whose very name caused all members of the mob to shudder with fear. The man who knocked over the Masters of the Horse like nobody's business. Maisie was his girl?

This was news indeed! And no time was wasted in getting it to Mr. Big himself.

Mercy prompts us to draw the curtain over the scene which took place between Mr. Big and the delinquent courier who had won the attentions of the favorite wench. Suffice it to say that the courier's duties were ended with dispatch, nay by a curious accident even his life came to the same sudden termination. Nor need we dwell upon the unpleasant interview Mr. Big held with his Masters of the Horse. Suffice it to relate that following that interview every Master of the Horse was ordered to stamp each letter received, clearly and distinctly upon its face, with the date and the time of the day of its receipt! Thus, in the future, anyone receiving a letter would know at a glance just how long it had been in transit. Thus an end was put to any future dilly-dallying along the way by the couriers. And thus began the system of postmarking letters which has persisted to this very day.

If you don't believe all this just look at the postmark on that letter you received this morning.

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The Courier of the Hanseatic League Waves A Fond Farewell To Maisie

Stamp Club Bulletins Some Good, Some Bad

Bulletins or news sheets from many stamp clubs come to the office of this publication and we are interested in the many different kinds and styles, but principally in their content.

It makes little difference what the style or format of your club bulletin may be, the principal thing is the contents or text of the bulletin.

It is of course pleasing if the bulletin can look fine and attractive, but rather a less attractive bulletin with contents that do the work that the bulletin is intended to do.

Without in any way trying to discourage any editor of any of these many different bulletins, we feel that a few remarks as to our opinion on club bulletins might be helpful to those who are glad to look criticism in the eye and profit thereby.

We would first believe that a stamp club bulletin should be designed and its contents selected solely with a thought to interest the members of the club concerned. No bulletin of any small club should attempt to become a monthly philatelic publication by running articles of all kinds. The space is too limited for that. The idea and object of the bulletin should be to entertain, inform and make members of the club better acquainted with one another. The bulletin should be the booster that brings the collectors to the club meeting.

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MAISIE AND THE COURIER

This week we are reprinting by permission, a lovely bit of Philatelic reading which is both of historic interest and at the same time has all the appeal of fiction of the very best quality.

The title of this story is "Maisie and the Courier". It is written by Prescott Holden Thorp and was published in Harmer's Stamp Hints, latest issue which has recently been released. We liked this story so well and enjoyed the reading of it, that we asked permission of H. R. Harmer, the New York Auction House, to print it in our columns in order that all our readers might enjoy it.

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Geo. W. Linn We believe a copy can be had on request and in addition to the story which we reprint, you will find much of interest and value in this beautiful booklet. Note their address on our front page in their regular advertisement.

NO REST FOR THE COLLECTOR THIS SUMMER

Present indications are that the summer business will be as good or better than last year when collectors were "hepped" up all summer with the Flag Stamps. Already we have had three new stamps in May and there are promises of more to come in the summer months. This will make business good for those who are enough interested to go after business. The collector is more or less limited in his regular activities and there is nothing that can take the place of stamps as a pleasant pastime for any kind of weather.

From what we can see and hear and read, we are convinced that this summer will be another big year for stamps and we are going to do our best to struggle through hot weather and serve our readers in this period.

For ourselves, we prefer the cooler weather of winter but some how manage to struggle through the hot season and come up fresh and ready in the lovely fall months.

We have little chance to shirk anything, for with so much to do each week that must be done to keep this paper moving, we are obliged to plod through the hot weather we like it or not. However we will have to be excused if we seem to lack incentive or ambition to write our usual editorials and sometimes cut the column short as we are doing this week.

DID YOU MISS THESE?

The 1940 National Defense issue, Scott #899-901 has been off the Agency list for some time now, and most collectors overlooked these stamps, in the mad scramble for the Famous Americans, Flags, etc. We were fortunate in having a good stock on hand, and offer at the following prices, subject to prior sale.

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Mr. Rankin calls attention to the fact that anyone having a cover of this nature dated May 15th, may consider it as a first day cover of this new service.

Following is the official announcement from the Postal Bulletin of May 2.

Arrangements have been made whereby V-Mail letters sent by members of the armed forces overseas on which postage at the air-mail rate is prepaid will, after being reproduced at V-Mail stations in the continental United States, be transmitted to their destination by air mail.

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—J. Avery Wells
COLOMBIA—A new 5 centavos postage stamp, picturing a coffee plantation, and printed in brown, has been issued, according to the General Stamp Co.

—U B A—Commemoratives. The long awaited Landfall of Columbus postage and air mails were finally issued on May 19, 1944. There are 5 postage and 2 air mail values. All stamps are printed in one color and are inscribed 1492-1942. Values and colors are:



5c yellow green - Land and Columbus's ships.

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PALESTINE—War printings of the 3m., 5m., 10m., 20m., 100m., and 200m. have been reported by the General Stamp Co.

SWEDEN—Commemoratives. To celebrate the tercentenary of the first Swedish Marine chart (1644), the Swedish Post Office has issued two stamps in the 5 ore, green, and 60 ore, reddish-violet, denominations. On the stamp is reproduced Johan Hansson's survey map of the latter three, with the denomination in the upper left-hand corner and a compass rose in the lower right. Along the top of the stamp is the text Loveriges Sjokarta 300 Ar" or "Sweden's Marine Chart 300 Years." At the bottom are the small Swedish Royal coat of arms and the name of the country.

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Just after writing last week's column, I received a notice that effective June 1st, service would be inaugurated on the TAMPA-MIAMI extension of AM-40. Since this column is being written prior to the date of the flight, I can't give you any further information on it right now.

I understand that effective May 20th, service was finally inaugurated at San Angelo and Big Spring, Texas, on AM-29. However, this is only a rumor and as yet, I have not confirmed it.

Last week, I mentioned the various cancellations and backstamps of the Athens, Ohio, first flight on AM-49B of May 15th. Since then, I have obtained additional information which I will pass on to you—Covers addressed c/o General Delivery at Pomeroy, Ohio, received a backstamp at 10:30 AM on May 15th.

Covers carried into Athens from Parkersburg, Pittsburgh, and other northern points received a backstamp of May 15th, 2-PM. Those carried into Athens from the south (Huntington, Pomeroy, etc.) received backstamps of various times between 5-PM and 7-PM.

Inbound covers are cancelled as follows:

Pittsburgh, Pa., Airmail Field Postoffice 8-30 AM

Parkersburg, W. Va., 9-30 AM Huntington, W. Va., 3-30 PM

Pomeroy, Ohio 4-30 PM Obviously, all of these cancellations are May 15th.

There were 47 covers carried from Pomeroy into Athens. More data on quantities of covers later.

That's all for this week. Will I be seeing you at the Metropolitan Airmail Cover Club meeting on June 9th. Time, 8-30 PM, place, Malin Studios, (4th floor) 223 West 46th street, New York City. All airmail cover collectors are invited to attend.

Thanks for news to A. N. Brown, P. C. Nahl, G. F. Crocker, and others who were kind enough to send me news and other information.

**LOVELY PANAMANIAN
TELLS OF PICTURES**

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Pan American Societies, church and community social centers, has recently shown a decided upward trend. One difficulty, for the past two years, has been a growing scarcity of stamps for this purpose. This has in part been due to a lack of importation from Europe, in part to the increasing restrictions of wartime regulations and to the curtailment of transportation facilities of non-military character.

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